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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/707,445

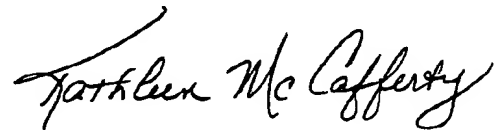
## MESSAGE:

Dear Mr. Washington,

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- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application (1 pg)
- Copy Reissue Application and Power of Attorney By Assignee (6 pgs)
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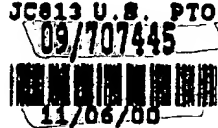
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